MINUTES

OF THE

THIRD SESSION

OF THE

COLUMBIA RIVER

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Methodist Episcopal Church,

HELD IN LA GRANDE, OREGON,

Commencing on Wednesday, August 9th, 1876.



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B. M. WASHBURN, PRINTER AND BINDER, WATCHMAN OFFICE.
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II.

Disciplinary Questions.

QUESTION 1. Who are received into the conference by transfer?
R. S. Stubbs, E. Hayes, J. McKean.
QUESTION 2. Who are admitted on trial?
Milton S. Anderson.
QUESTION 3. Who remain on trial?
W. G. Simpson.
QUESTION 4. Who are admitted into full connection?
Abraham Eads, R. Horner.
QUESTION 5. Who are the Deacons of the first class?
Abraham Eads, Elias R. Horner.
QUESTION 6. Who are the Deacons of the second class?
G. W. Adams, A. J. Joslin, Thomas Pearne, George Waters.
QUESTION 7. Who have been selected & ordained Elders this year.
S. L. Burrill.
QUESTION 8. Who are the supernumerary preachers?
G. W. Kenady.
QUESTION 9. Who are the superanuated preachers?
None.
QUESTION 10. Was the charaeter of each preacher examined?
It was, carefully.
QUESTION 11. Have any located?
J. A. Van Anda, E. R. Horner, H. B. Lane.
QUESTION 12. Have any withdrawn?
None.
QUESTION 13. Has any been transfered & to what conference?
R. S. Stubbs, to the Oregon conference.
QUESTION 14. Have any been expelled?
None.
QUESTION 15. Have any died?
None.
QUESTION 16. What is the statistical report?
See statistical tables.
QUESTION 17. What are the claims on the conference fund?
Nothing.
QUESTION 18. What has been secured on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?
Thirty-nine dollars and fifty cents, ordered funded with what was already on hand, making $105 75 in all.

I.

Conference Officers.

Bishop W. L. HARRIS. D. D: LL. D. ..... PRESIDENT
H. K. HINES ..... SECRETARY.
A. J. JOSLIN ..... ASSISTANT.
G. W. GRANNIS ..... STATISTICIAN.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL—THE PRESIDING ELDER.
FIRST YEAR—S. L. BURRILL, J. C. KIRKMAN.
SECOND YEAR—G. W. GRANNIS, E. HAYES.
THIRD YEAR—R. G. HAWN, J. MCKEAN.
FOURTH YEAR—D. G. STRONG, T. HOAGLAND.
TO EXAMINE LOCAL PREACHERS FOR DEACONS AND ELDERS ORDERS—J. H. WILBUR.

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT, H. K. HINES. VICE PRESIDENT, H. CALDWELL.
SECRETARY, W. G. SIMPSON. TREASURER, A. EADS.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

PRESIDENT ..... D. G. STRONG.
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RECORDING SECRETARY ..... B. M. WASHBURN.
TREASURER ..... CHAS. MOORE.
MEMBERS ..... S. G. HAVERMALE, T. HOAGLAND, J. G. MCGUIRE.

TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON.

D. G. STRONG, ... Alternate—T. HOAGLAND.

TRIERS OF APPEAL.

H. K. HINES, H. CALDWELL, D. G. STRONG,
J. H. WILBUR, S. G. HAVERMALE, G. W. GRANNIS,
J. C. KIRKMAN,

IV.

Conference Journal.

FIRST DAY.

M. E. Church, La Grande, Oregon,
Wednesday, 9 A. M. Aug. 9, 1876.

The Columbia River Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the church at La Grande, August, 9th, 1876, at 9 o'clock A. M., and was opened by Bishop W. L. Harris, who read the 40th chapter of Isa. and the 1st chapter of 1st Corinthians, and the hymn, commencing:

"Enthroned is Jesus now
Upon His Kingly seat, &c."

and led the Conference in prayer. The hymn commencing

"A charge to keep I have. &c."

was sung and R. S. Stubbs and D. G. Strong led the Conference in prayer.

The Secretary of the last East Oregon and Washington Annual Conference called the roll of members, by request of the Bishop, and the following Brothers answered to their names. H. K. Hines, H. Caldwell, S. G. Havermale, G. W. Grannis, T. Hoagland, G. W. Shaffer, A. J. Joslin, W. S. Koontz, D. G. Strong.

On motion H. K. Hines was elected Seeretary by acclamation and on his nomination A. J. Joslin was elected assistant, and G. W. Grannis, Statistical Secretary.

The hour of meeting was fixed at 9 A. M. and adjournement at 11½ A. M.

The standing committees of last year were ordered, and the Presiding Elders were made a committee to nominate them.

A session of the conference to gather statistics was ordered at 3 o'clock P. M.

The committee appointed to nominate the standing committees reported the following, and the report was adopted:

On Missions—S. G. Havermale, H. K. Hines, H. Caldwell, D. G. Strong.

Pastorial Address—S. G. Havermale.

Bible Cause--W. G. Simpson.

QUESTION 19. Have any local preachers been ordained?

John Hindman, to Deacons orders.

QUESTION 20. Are any literary institutions under the control or patronage of this conference?

Blue Mountain University.

QUESTION 21. Where are preachers stationed this year?

See appointments.

QUESTION 22. Where and when shall our next conference be held?

At Boise City—time not given,

III.

Appointments.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT---S. G. HAVERMALE, P. E.

Walla Walla	D. G. Strong.
Waitsburg	T. Hoagland.
Dayton	A. J. Joslin.
Colfax	M. S. Anderson.
Lewiston	G. W. Shaffer.
Spokane Falls	To be supplied.
Weston	S. L. Burrill.
Pendleton	To be supplied.
Chaplain U. S. A.	J. O. Raynor.

DALLES DISTRICT---H. CALDWELL, P. E.

Dalles	R. G. Hawn.
Ochoco	To be supplied.
Canyon City	G. W. Grannis.
Bridge Creek	To be supplied.
Klickitat	J. C. Kirkman.
Simcoe, Indian Mission	J. H. Wilbur, T. Pearne, G. Waters.
Yakima	To be supplied.

GRANDE RONDE & BOISE DISTRICT---H. K. HINES, P. E.

La Grande	E Hays
Union	A Eads.
Summerville	J. W. Kuykendall.
Baker City	W. F. Koonts.
Willow Creek	To be supplied.
Payette and Weiser	To be supplied.
Idaho City	J. McKean.
Boise City	W. G. Simpson.
Boise Circuit	G. W. Adams.
Atlanta	To be supplied.
R. S. Stubbs	Transferred to the Oregon Conference.

SECOND DAY.

La Grande, Thursday, Aug. 10, 1876.

Conference met at 9 o'clgck A. M., Bishop Harris in the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Abram Eads.

The roll was called and the following additional member answered to his name, J. W. Kuykendall.

The minutes of yesterday's session was read and approved.

Bro. Koontz was appointed to audit the accounts of the Presiding Elders.

R. S. Stubbs was appointed to report the proceedings of the Conference for the Pacific Christirn Advocate.

Bishop Harris presented two communications from the late General Conference in relation to a change of the restrictive rules, and they were made the order of the day for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Tht Eighth Question "Who are the Supernumerary preachers?" was taken up. G. W. Kennedy was called and his relation as Supernumerary was continued.

Tenth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up, and the name of S. G. Havermale, Presiding Elder of Walla Walla District was called. He represented his district and his character passed.

G. W. Shaffer, no missionary collection was taken on his charge; his character passed.

T. Hoagland, missionary collection $10; his character passed.

J. O. Raynor, chaplain in the army; his character passed.

H. Caldwell of the Dalles District represented his district; his character passed.

J. C. Kirkman, missionary collection $25; his character passed.

H. B. Lane, his character passed and he was granted a location at his own request.

G. W. Grannis, missionary collection $30; his character passed.

J. W. Kuykendall, missionary collection $25; character passed.

H. K. Hines of Grande Ronde District represented his district; his character passed.

R. S. Stubbs, missionary collection $2; his character passed.

J. H. Wilbur of the Indian Mission District, missionary collection $111 00; his character passed.

D. G. Strong, of Idaho District, represented his district, and his character passed; missionary collection, Idaho City, $10.

CHURCH EXTENSION—R. S. Stubbs, G. W. Adams.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS & TRACTS—A. Eads.
EPISCOPAL FUND—H. Caldwell.
P. C. ADVOCATE—H. K. Hines, D. G. Strong.
INDIAN AFFAIRS—H. Caldwell.
FREEDMEN'S AID—S. L. Burrill.
CHURCH PROPERTY—G. W. Shaffer.
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY—T. Hoagland.
PUBLIC WORSHIP—H. K. Hines, R. S. Stubbs.
PUBLISHING MINUTES—H. K. Hines, S. L. Burrill.

The Conference ordered a draft of $30 on the chartered fund.

Bro. Eads was appointed to collect the accounts of the Depository at San Francisco, and of the P. C. Advocate.

A committee of two on popular amusements consisting of D. G. Strong and G. W. Shaffer was appointed.

R. S. Stubbs and G. W. Grannis were appointed a committee on Temperance.

Rev. P. C. Hetzler, District Superintendent of the American Bible Society and Rev. J. H. Watson of the United Brethren church were introduced and invited to seats within the bar.

The subject of the use of Tobacco was refeared to the committee on Temperance.

R. S. Stubbs was appointed examining committee on the third years course of study.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Notices were given, the Doxology was sung and H. Caldwell pronounced the benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 3 P. M. Rev. G. W. Shaffer, by appointment in the chair, who led the devotional exercises, consisting of reading the scriptures, singing and prayer.

The roll of the Conference was called and the statistical reports were given in.

On motion Conference adjourned.

S. L. Burrill, missionary collection $2; stood 9 in his studies; he was elected to elders orders.

Thomas Pearne's and George Waters' character passed.

Boise City was selected as the place for holding the next session of the Conference, and the Bishops were requested not to hold it earlier than the first of September.

A committee of four on the incorporation of the Conference was appointed, consisting of S. G. Aavermale, H. K. Hines, H. Caldwell and Hon. D. W. Litchtenthaler, and the committee was instructed to report at this session of the Conference.

The order of the day, the consideration of the change of the second and third restrictive rules, was taken up, and the vote stood on the second, 15 for and 00 against; on the third, 8 for, 6 against.

The committees on Womans Foreign Missionary Society and on popular amusements, reported and their reports were adopted.

It was resolved to close our session at the close of the Sabbath evening services.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by G. W. Shaffer.

FOURTH DAY.

La Grande, Saturday, Aug. 12, 1876.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, Bishop Harris in the chair. The opening services were conducted by D. G. Strong.

The Fourth Question, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was resumed, and the name of Elias R. Horner was called. He stood 8 in his studies, and was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacon's orders; when a location was granted him at his own request.

The Conference requested the Bishop to transfer R. G. Hawn a Superanuate of the Iowa Conference to this, and his transfer was announced accordingly, and his relation was changed to effective.

The committee on Missions presented their report which was read.

Triers of Appeal, Examining Committees, and Conference board of Church extension, were severally appointed.

H. K. Hines and G. W. Simpson were made a committee to engage speakers and prepare a programme for our next session.

On motion the Conference adjourned.

Notices were given, the Doxology was sung, and Rev. P. C. Hetzler pronounced the Benediction.

THIRD DAY.

La Grande, Friday, Aug. 11, 1876.

Conference met at 9 o'clock, Bishop Harris in the chair, and was opened by devotional services led by G. W. Grannis.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

S. L. Burrill was appointed to collect funds for publishing the minutes.

The Second Qusetion, "Who are admitted on trial?" was taken up. Milton S. Anderson, recommended from the Willowa charge, was admitted.

The Third Question, "Who remain on trial?" was taken up. C. P. Stayton, a probationer of the first year, was announced as having been transferred to the California Conference during the year.

William G. Simpson, missionary collection $15; stood in his studies at an average of 8. He was continued.

The Fourth Question, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was taken up. Abraham Eads was called forward; the Bishop proposed to him the Disciplinary questions which were answered satisfactorily. He stood in his studies at an average of 8; missionary collection $5. He was admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons orders.

John Andrewatha was discontinued at his own request.

Sixth Question, "Who are the deacons of the second class?" was taken up. G. W. Adams, missionary collection $5. Had not been before the examining committee. Character passed subject to examination on the 3d year's course of study.

W. S. Koontz, missionary collection at Weston, $8; at Pendleton, $15; stood 8 in his studies; character passed.

Seventh Question, "Who are elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up. A. J. Joslin was called; missionary collection $8. In the third year's course of study he stood 8; had not been before the committee on the fourth year; continued as a deacon of the second c ass

V.

Reports of Committees.

1. Pastorial Address.

By action of the Conference it was agreed that in lieu of the Pastorial Address the committee should have the privilege of giving extracts from the Bishop's Address to the late General Conference. The following is therefore submitted,

S. G. HAVERMALE.

Our foreign missionary work has continued to have a natural and healthy growth in the fields occupied before the last General Conference, and in accordance with plans then existing, important and encouraging missions have been planted in Japan and Mexico. A large number of missionaries has consequently been required and sent out. As the recent missionary contributions have been injuriously affected by the financial condition of the country, it has been found necessary to curtail expenditures in all other departments of the work. We think that this has been done with good judgment by the General Committee and the Board, but not without disadvantage to the missions. The present indebtedness of the Society we judge to be a subject of sufficient importance to call for your special consideration.

The present aggregate of Sunday School statistics is as follows: 19,287 schools, 207,182 officers and teachers, and 1,406,168 scholars; being an increase during the last four years of 1,732 schools, 13,-203 officers and teachers, and 138,456 scholars. These figures show the importance of this interest, and the correspondence of its growth with that of the church.

Our Tract Society is one of our oldest benevolences, and continues to be an important auxilary of the evangelistic work of the church, both at home and abroad.

The work of the Church, through the Board of Church Extension, and the Freedmen's Aid Society, is of more recent date. This fact may give them a claim to your particular attention and care. The aid which the former have rendered to needy societies, especially in the destitute and frontier portions of our country, entitles it to the continued confidence and support of the churches.

Various resolutions of thanks were passed.

The various examining committees were required to examine candidates without the text books, by direct question and answer.

John Hinaman, a local preacher recommended from Wallowa Quarterly Conference was elected to Deacon's orders.

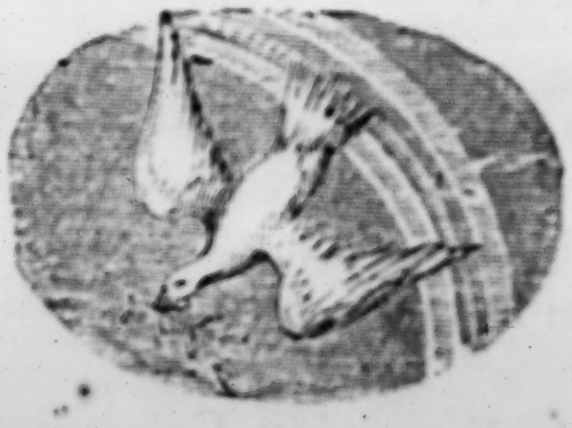
The committees on Freedmen's Aid Society, on Indian work, Auditing committee, on Bishop's claims, on Sunday Schools, on Bible cause, on Temperance, on Pacific Christian Advocate, on Education, and the Conference Stewards severally reported, and their reports were adopted. See reports.

Several appointments were made and resolutions passed, which are printed elsewhere.

It was ordered that when conference adjourn, it adjourn to meet Sabba'h evening, at the close of the sermon for the purpose of hearing the appointments, when without further action it should stand adjourned *sine die*.

SABBATH EVENING, AUG., 13, 1876.

Bishop Harris called the Conference to order at the close of the sermon, and presented the certificate of the ordination of Abraham Eads, Elias R. Horner, and John Hinaman as Deacons, and S. L. Burrill as Elder, after which he announced the appointments; when, in accordance with the vote of Saturday, the Conference stood adjourned *sine die*.



porate wealth of the Church shows how greatly God has prospered us during the term of which we are speaking, and is an evidence that neither the ministry nor membership of the Church has declined in spirituality and devotion to God and His cause.

While our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise to God for his goodness to us as a Church and people, we rejoice to make mention of the prosperity God has vouchsaved to the other branches of Methodism in America. It is also a high satisfaction to us to know that the other evangelical Churches of this land have shared largely in the outpouring of the Divine Spirit, and have been earnestly and successfully engaged in evangelistic labors. These cheering facts afford assurance of the continued progress and ultimate triumph of evangelical Protestanism in this land.

It has seemed to us that Church organization and government which have stood nearly a century, and which have been found well adapted to all phases of society, and changes of public sentiment, and conditions of the public mind; in the newest settlement, in the oldest State, in the rural district, in the crowded city, in heathen lands, in civilized countries, under the reign of royalty, in our great Republic, in time of peace, in time of war, among the lowest and most ignorant, among the highest and most learned, everywhere and all the while pre-eminently useful and proving itself to be one of the most aggressive and one of the most progressive forms of Christianity in the world, is too venerable and too sacred to receive any other than the most profound consideration and the most jealous guardianship. Thus impressed, we have endeavored, by our example and teaching, to promote a just appreciation of our Discipline and usages.

The Connectional character of our Church we regard as of the highest importance and greatest utility. An army in detachments under independent authorities, would be feeble and ineffective in comparison with the same army moved by one supreme authority, having unity of purpose and action. Germany under the Empire is much more potential among the nations of the earth than when under the government of independent petty sovereignties; so the Methodist Episcopal Church, in the sublime unity of her grand purpose, and under the government and direction of the General Conference as her supreme authority; is much mightier in her action and influence than she could possibly be in independent divisions. She can better antagonize great errors, contend with enormous vices, overthrow combinations of wickedness, and press forward the triumphs of divine truth and grace in the earth.

The Methodist Episcopal Church is not a confederacy of eighty-one conferences, nor a mere association of some nine thousand pastorial charges. It is a simple body, of which these pastors and churches and conferences are component parts, and all members one of another. For by one spirit we are all baptised into one body. Whether in America, or in Africa, or in Europe, or in Asia, we have been all made to drink into one spirit; and this incorporation is so actual and so vital, that if one member suffer, all the members suffer with it, or if one member be honored all the

The Freedmen's Aid Society is the principal agency of the Church in affording means of education to the large and dependent population for whose benefit it was established. The work which it is doing is indispensible to the success of our efforts to promote the welfare of this portion of our people. It has been able to establish a large number of institutions, some of them of high grade. Although its funds have regularly increased each year of the quadrennium, they are by no means adequate to the necessities of the cause, and in prosecuting this work hereafter we must still appeal to the benevolence and liberality of our people.

The work of education has lost none of its interests to the people, and none of its usefulness to the Church. Our seminaries our colleges and our theological schools have been well sustained, and are carrying on successfully their legitimate work. It is expected that the centennial contributions of this year will largely increase their resources.

We have but briefly referred to these departments of our Church work, as full reports may be expected from those having them in charge.

The General Conference of 1865 directed that thereafter the statistical tables of our General Minutes should show the number of members of our Church who died during each year. The tables now show that during the nineteen years which have elapsed since this rule went into effect 252,945 members of the church and 1,600 ministers have finished their probation and have gone to their account. It is reasonable to suppose that most of these died in the Lord, and have been transferred to the Church triumphant. How glorious is this work of garnering redeemed souls in heaven.

During the four years since the last General Conference, 73,674 members of the Church have died, and 476 ministers, giving an aggregate on the death roll of 74,150. The net increase of the membership during the same time was 159,236, and of ministers 1,224, making the total net inarease, 160,460. If to this number we add the number of those who have died as stated above, the result will show that 234,610 persons have within the past four years been admitted to the fellowshlp of the Church.

The number of members: as reported in the minutes of 1875, was 1,580,559, and the number of ministers was 10,923, giving a total number of communicants of 1,591,482. The Conferences which have met since the 1st of January last report a net increase of 50,974 and if this increase be added to the aggregate, as reported in the minutes of 1875, the result will show the present membership of the Church to be 1,642,456.

The whole number of Churches reported in the General Minutes of 1875 were 15,633, whose total estimated value was $71,520,234, being an increase during the four years of 1,193 churches, and of $14,441,334 in their estimated value. The number of parsonages was 5,017, and their estimated value $9,731,628, being an increase during the same period in the number of parsonages of 708, and of $1,944,824 in their estimated value.

This increase in the ministry and membership and in the cor-

The Book Concern has also exerted a unifying power upon the Church. Its booksand its periodicals have generally had that tendency. Its management has been in the interests of the whole connection. So long as it shall be conducted on these principles, and its profits shall be appropaiated for a palpable and common interest, it will still have that influence: But if it shall ever fail in either of these respects it will not only lose its centripetal force, but become a source of contention and strife, if not a cause of corruption and dizintegration.

Clearly convinced that these institutions greatly promote the unity of the Church, as well as its extention and progress, we have felt it our duty as far as our authority and opportunity would permit, to labor for their prosperity.

The true Church has always preached the Gospel to the poor. This has been characteristic of Methodism throughout its histary. It is not only Christ-like, but it is expedient. The Church which preaches to most of the poor of this generation, other things being equal, will preach to most of the rich in the next generation. While we have not been inattentive to the pastoral and spiritual interests of the more wealthy of our congregations we have have been especially desirous to provide for the religious necessities of the poor. Hence the new and more needy parts of the work have received our special consideration and care.

While it is proper that every governenment should, in its organic law, make provision for changes which may become necessary, and prescribe the method of effecting the same, yet it appears to us a monstrous absurdity, that any government, civil, military or ecclesiastical, should allow men, to whom the administration of affairs has been entrusted, to use their office, or executive authority, or opportunity to overthrow or modify the same. We, therefore, have resisted the pressure brought to bear upon us since the last General Conference, which sought to induce us to restrict our labors and administration to episcopal districts, and have continued to meet the explicit requirement of the Discipline to travel through the connection at large. We regard it a very gross solecism to say that a distrcited Bishop is a general superintendent. On this subject the Bishops, in their address to the General Conference of 1852, spoke more at length.

Perhaps our office and work lead us to think more about the future of the Church than we would do but for our special duties. Be this as it may, whenever we meet for consultation it is a subject of intense interest, and of earnest prayerful consideration and study. When we contemplate the great number of her ministers and members, the perfectness and power of their organizations, her vast resources of men and money, her educational and publishing facili- and arrangements, the vantage ground she occupies by her stragetic positions in so many of the nations of earth, the gracious manner in which God had blessed and prospered her in the past, his infinite readiness to bless her still more abundantly in the future, the grandeur of her possibilities in the time to come, we are overwhelmed with the weight of our responsibilities in superintending

members rejoice with it. Consequently, the members should have the same care one for another. We cannot give attention to one portion of the Church to the neglect of another portion. This General Conference cannot rightfully legislate for one part of the Church, to the disadvantage of another part of the Church. The legislation of this General Conference, the administration of the General Superintendents, and the oversight of each pastor, must be with equal eye to all, as their exigencies and interests demand. There is no Constitutional way by which any member or members can be excluded from the Church or placed beyond her supervision and pastorial oversight, exceps by judicial process for wrong doing.

The connectional character of the Church is maintained largely by the law of affinity. The remarkable agreement in doctrines, the sameness of religious experience, and the similarity of usages which prevail throughout the connection, give us a oneness of character, and assimilate us into one body. Where men think and feel the same,

"Like kindred drops they mingle into one."

The great agencies of the Church are bonds of union.

The nearly 20,000 Sunday Schools, auxiliary to the Sunday School Union of the Church, and the more than 1,400,000 children in these schools, under the tuition of more than 200,000 officers and teachers, constitute an organized cadet force which promises in the near future to add greatly to the strength and efficiency of the Church. The more specifically Methodistic their religious training is, the greater will be the power and usefulness they will contribute to her future unity and progress. If they are not taught the scriptural character of our doctrines; if they do not have explained to them our church polity; if in their Sunday School years they are not enlisted in the support of our institutions and benevolent agencies, but are left to believe that any other church will be as usefel to them as ours, we must bear the blame if they are easily proselyted from us or if they grow up to be dissatisfied and restless members of the Church.

Our Missionary Society, with its numerous auxiliaries, is another of these bonds of connectional union. The Parent Society, as the central organ, like the heart of the human body, receiving from all the veins of the Church her missionary blood, and then sending it through all her arteries to every extremity of the Church to nourish and support the whole, is an indissoluble tie between all the parts of the Church, however distant from each other. Every preacher on an obscure circuit or a border mission, who is laboring and suffering on a very inadequate support for his family, and yet encouraging his people from their very poverty to contribute to the treasury of the Society, and the humblest member and the infant Sunday School scholar who contributes their pennies and their prayers to this cause, as well as the missionaries in the foreign field, are all reaal factors in this great united work of evangelism. This not only binds us together, but also equalizes the dignity and honor of all the laborers in the sight of God and in the annals of eternity.

christian ministers in this field to let intellectual want cry in vain for intellectual food, or even to be so tardy in effort to supply that want, that others spread the feast before us, and feed those who justly look to us for bread. Satisfied that this is the deep conviction of all the members of this body your committee do not deem it necessary to extend their report.

As the beginning of effort to furnish opportunity for the education of our children,, and the children of our people, at home, three years ago a Board of Trustees was organized in La Grande, Oregon, and duly incorporated under the name and style of "The Trustees of Blue Mountain University," and began operations for organization of a school and the erection of buildings for its accommodation.

As yet this is the only school in operation under the patronage and direction of this Conference. During the past year it has been quite as prosperous and large as—in this new country, and in the beginning of our educational work—we have a right to expect. One hundred and fifty different students have received instruction during the year from the teachers in the University. J. L. Carter has continued in the position of Prof. of Natural Sciences and acting President, and Mrs. E. J. Hines as preceptress.

The building is now nearly prepared for the use of the school. It is the purpose of the Trustees to complete two stories, which will probably amply accommodate the school during the coming academic year, and then only go forward in finishing the basement, and other contemplated improvements, as the wants of the school require, and means will permit.

The plan of the building contemplates an extension by a wing of uniform height and finish with the main edifice, in the rear of that, of 40 feet in length, when it shall be needed. The financial stringency of the times has delayed somewhat the progress of the work, the trustees deeming it wiser to occupy temporary quarters for the school than to imperil the entire enterprise by too rapidly hastening their own work.

Your committee cannot but feel that this Institution, located as it is, so centrally to the Conference, and to Eastern Oregon, notwithstanding all the struggles that it, in common with all new enterprises of like character in a new country, will have to pass through. is destined to a career of usefulness second to few schools in the Stato. The active sympathy of the members of this Conference, and of the church within our bounds, in sending students to its halls, and procuring means to aid forward its building will insure this.

The territory of our Conference is so extended that it will obviously be necessary at an early day to enter on other educational enterprises, say at or near Spokane Falls to accommodate the great country north of Snake river; at some point on the western slope of the Blue Mountains in the Walla Walla valley, and also at Boise City. Steps have aiready been taken by those having charge of our work in these sections to meet that near necessity. At Boise City, at Dayton, and at Spokane Falls, lands have been condition-

such immense interests. At the same time this glorious prospect of the advancement and achievements of the Church in her coming history, is an inspiration to us to call mightily on God to help us, and to go forward in the faithful discharge of our important duties.

For the reason given before, we have judged it due to ourselves, to the General Conference to which we are amenable, to the whole Church, indeed to the Christian public, that with the utmost frankness and candor we should make this declaration of the principles, sentiments and purposes which have constrained and guided and governed us in our official duties, and in meeting the grave responsibilities which have rested upon us.

You will infer from this statement, and the Church will infer from it also, that your Bishops have not considered themselves church architects, employed to examine an antiquated and dilapidated edifice, and to show how it can be remodeled and modernized and improved; on the contrary, that they have understood themselves called to be General Superintendents of a glorious temple; its walls, salvation and its gates praise; a temple built by God; built on the Rock of Ages, and built for the ages; that it is their office and work to see that its doors stand wide open night and day; that its light is shining clear and strong and afar, that its voice of instruction and admonition and invitation and entreaty is breaking upon the ear of humanity everywhere and all the time; that its altars are all aglow with the fervors of love and the fires of devotion—converts flying as a cloud and as doves to their windows, all nations flowing into it and the glory of Emmanuel filling it.

Brethren of the General Conference! Have we correctly apprehended the character, polity, interests and spirit of the Methodist Episcopal Church? Have we rightly understood our office and obligations? We shall wait with profound interest and due submission the answer which your action shall furnish to these questions.

We do earnestly invoke the Divine blessing upon your persons and upon your deliberations.

("Now unto Him, that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end, Amen.")

2. On Education.

Your committee on Education do not deem it necessary to present a report on the abstract subject of Education, nor a dissertation on its importance and advantages. No further argument need be brought forward to prove what was long since demonstrated to the intelligence, and grounded in the convictions of the whole church. With us the practical question is the adjustment of our Educational work to the condition and wants of one field, and such an organization of forces and appliances as will keep the work in pace with the wants. It would be, not bad policy only, but criminal and unchristian neglect for the leading body of christians and

or the character of the Christian profession, but solely out of the fact that they have been educated by our Church to believe that such diversions are worthy. Therefore

Resolved, That we as ministers of Christ will do all in our power to correct this prevailing evil among us, and co-operate with all christians who hold to the doctrine of St. Paul that the christian should be blameless and harmless the sons of God without rebuke in the midst of a crooked and preverse nation among whom ye shine as lights in the world.

D. G. STRONG, Chairman.

4. On Indian Affairs.

Your committee to whom was referred the Indian work report as follows:

The last General Conference gave Lake county, in Oregon, to the Oregon Conference, this gives Klamath Indian Reservation to the Oregon Conference, leaving two Reservations in Columbia River Conference—Yakima and Warm Springs. Warm Springs is really under the supervision of the United Presbyterian Church. Rev. J. H. Wilbur is agent at Yakima Reservation and has accomplished a good work for the Indians under the Peace Policy. Many of them have been led to Christ, and are devout worshipers. There were 394 reported as being members of the M. E. Church, and 100 on probation last year. We are as much as ever in favor of the Peace Policy which has saved so many of those Indians through our Mission. Therefore

Resolved, That we will continue our efforts to save those souls for whom Christ died. H. CALDWELL, Chairman.

5. On Pacific Christian Advocate.

Your committee on the Pacific Christian Advocate beg leave to report: That we are as much as ever convinced of the absolute necessity for the Pacific Christian Advocate in Oregon and Washington Territory. That we earnestly desire its increased circulation, and enlarged efficiency as a moral and spiritual force. We regret that the publishing committee has failed to send us any exhibit of the condition of the paper. That, as a patronizing Conference, we are justly entitled to such information, and in its absence we cannot take intelligent and positive action in relation to it. That to obviate this difficulty in the future we nominate J. H. Wilbur as a member of the publishing committee, and the Secretary of the

ally secured, which are ready to be deeded when the Church is prepared to go forward and occupy them.

We do not regard these enterprises as conflicting with that already begun, but as aiding it. It is the conviction of your committee that these should be parts of one great educational system as nearly as possible united in a common sympathy. That plans should now be laid so to unify them, that. at the least, students in every one should be entitled, on certificate, to like standing and honors in any other. And we recommend that the Presiding Elders of Walla Walla, Grande Ronde and Boise district, and the preachers in charge of Walla Walla, Boise City and Dayton, together with Prof. J. L. Carter, Charles Moore, J. Eads and Jonas Brown be a committee to consider this whole question, and report to the next session of our Conference.

We recommend the appointment by the Conference of the following named persons to fill the places of the outgoing class of Trustees of the Blue Mountain University: T. A. Wallace, D. Chaplin, S. O. Swackheimer, A. W. Waters, J. H. Slater, J. H. Wilbur, M. Baker and D. W. Lichtenthaler, and of S. G. Havermale, A. Eads, W. T. Koontz, W. T. Wright, L. J. Ronse and E. Hayes as visitors.

Collections for education have been taken, and reported to us as follows; Canyon City, $8.00; Klickitat, $1.75; The Dalles, $2.00; total, $11.75, which we recommend be paid to the Blue Mountain University. We offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will co-operate to the extent of our individual ability with the Trustees of Blue Mountain University, in raising means and gathering students for the same.

H. K. HINES, Chairman.

3. On Popular Amusements.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Popular Amusements beg leave to submit their report as follows:

Whereas, One of the most serious obstacles to deep and lasting religious impressions, and consequently to the conversion of souls and their growth in the knowledge and love of God met with in the prosecution of our work in these Western Conferences is the inordinate love of worldly pleasure, such as is afforded by horse-racing, card-playing, wine-drinking, dancing and the like expressly forbidden in the word of God, and the discipline of the Methodist Church, and

Whereas, In many of our charges this vicious and depraved popular sentiment manufactured too often in the interest of vice and skepticism has received the explicit sanction of professed ministers of Christ, and the people have been taught by these pseudo-religious teachers that the moral obligation of christians to abstain from such practices grows out of nothing found in the word of God

Resolved—5th. That the use of tobacco, in any form, is an expensive and injurious habit, alike offensive to good taste, inconsistent with the demands of purity and an open violation of the precept of the word of God, "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

Resolved—6th. That the General Conference has given unequivocal expression against the use of tobacco by our ministry, and it is the sense of this conference that all candidates for admission to membership into this body shall be chalenged, and in every case its use shall be an insurmountable obstacle to reception.

Resolved—7th. That the committee on publishing the minutes are hereby requested to insert the reports of the General Conference on Tobacco and on Temperance in their next issue, and that each Pastor is hereby requested to read these reports to his charge at least once during this present conference year.

7. On Sunday Schools and Tracts.

Whereas, The Sunday School properly conducted is the nursery of piety among the children and youth of our land.

Resolved—1st. That we give our special prayers and attention to raise them to their proper standing of efficiency.

Resolved—2d. That industry should be used in the circulation of religious literature and that, the Bible excepted, we know of no better way than the distribution of short, pithy painted tracts, covering the word of life.

A. EADS, Chairman.

8. On Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society respectfully report:

That the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is doing a most important word, a work without which the Parent Missionary Society has been and still would be greatly crippled. Heathen women must be reached and won to Christ before rapid strides in christianizing the heathen can be made. Since the organization of this society experience has proven its methods to be very efficient. As heathen women can be readily or directly influenced only by women, and as wives, mothers and sisters, they most powerfully influence husbands, children and brothers, it is easily seen that their influence on the side of Christ is of infinite importance. We should, therefore, encourage in every legitimate way, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and to do this we pledge ourselves both as a Conference and as pastors.

T. HOAGLAND, Chairman.

Conference to notify the Oregon Conference of this nomination, and request that Conference to confirm it.

Respectfully submitted, H. K. HINES, Chairman.

6. On Temperance and Tobacco.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance and the use of Tobacco, respectfully submit the following report:

Centralization is a marked feature in the operations of agencies that degrade mankind, and demoralize the public sentiment of this christian nation; hence such combinations as the National Liquor Dealers' Association, having a fund of over $1,000,000 and controlling hundreds of thousands of votes to embarass and defeat the work of temperance,

"When bad men combine, good men should unite," is a wholesome adage; "Who is on the Lord's side, let him come to me, (Ex. 32:26.) has its positive and permanent iteration in these words of the New Testament, "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad, (Matt. 12:30.) believing therefore that neutrality on the question of temperance is a sin against God, a crime against humanity, and a great wrong to our own souls, individually, we the Columbia River Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church—true to tha sentiments so tersely expressed by John Wesley, and so grandly maintained during the past century of her wonderful history—take this earliest opportunity, since our reorganization to publish to the world our individual and undiminished opposition to the drinking usages of society, also to the manufacture of, and traffic in iutoxicating drinks. Therefore

Resolved—1st. That we recognize and consider indispensable the potent influence of woman in the Temperance Reform, and we second the action of the 150,000 women of this nation who petition congress for national legislation against the manufacture and importation of dietilled and fermented liquors.

Resolved—2d. That we send the salutations of the Columbia River Conference to the Women's National Christian Temperance Union and pledge to it our prayers and christian co-operation.

Resolved—3d. That the mothers, wives, and daughters of this christian nation in the exercise of the holy love they cherish for their children, husbands, and brothers should discountenance the use of all forms of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, should abstain from their use for all culinary purposes, and employ them medicinally with very great caution.

Resolved—4th. That the use of alcoholic wines in the sacrament of the Lord's supper involves an unnecessary peril to communicants and should be superseded by the use of unfermented wines.

of Trustees be authorized, and if it seem practicable, to orgonize and conduct a school at said Spokane Falls; provided that said board of Trustees shall contract no debts for which the Conference shall be held responsible.

S. G. HAVERMALE, Chairman.

11. On Freedman's Aid Society.

Your committee to whom was referred the Freedman's Aid Society would respectfully report as follows:

We recognize in this one of the most important of our benevolent institutions, and so doing we will be faithful to our pledge, and in all our charges will present its claims to our people and take a collection therefor.

S. L. BURRILL, Chairman.

9. On Bible Cause.

Your committee to whom was referred the Bible Cause would respectfully submit the following report:

Resolved—1st. That it is with feelings of praise and gratitude to God we observe the grand results achieved by American Bible Society in the past, and that the present prosperity of this cause indicates the special favor of the Most High.

Resolved—2d. That as ministers of Christ, we pledge ourselves to keep the grand claims of the American Bible Society before the people and children of our respective charges, urging the distribution of God's holy word, and availing ourselves of all the facilities afforded us by this Society, for the dissemination of Gospel truth.

Resolved—3d. That we, as a Conference, and as individuals, rejoice to meet the Agents of the Society, pledging them our hearty co-operation in their blessed work, tendering them the freedom of our pulpits, and the comforts of our homes.

Resolved—4th. That as ministers of Christ Jesus, praying for the ingathering of all nations to the Redeemer's Kingdom, we unite with the agents of the American Bible Society, in the cry "O God send thy light forth, and thy truth."

W. G. SIMPSON, Chairman.

10. On Incorporation of the Conference.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of a legal incorporation of the Conference beg leave to report:

1st. That such an incorporation as is desirable cannot be effected under any existing law. Therefore, we recommend that H. K. Hines be and is hereby instructed, either by himself or jointly with a like appointment by the Oregon Conference, to draft, and if practicable, have passed by the Legislature of this State, a special act of incorporation for the Columbia River and Oregon Conferences, granting in addition to the usual powers of incorporations, the authority to appoint local boards of trustees where there may be local interests.

2d. That the following named persons, viz., S. G. Havermale, Dr. Masterson, C. F. Yeaton, Mr, Tiffin and Frederick Post be and they are hereby constituted a board of trustees to hold in trust for the Conference any property that may come into their hands at Spokane Falls, Stevens county, W. T. And also that said Board

GRAND RONDE DISTRICT.

La Grande	8	55	1	..	.....	.....	1	1000	1	500	1	8	75	100	2 00	....	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....
Union	1	44	..	1	.....	.....	1	3000	1	300	2	10	75	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wallowa	5	60	3	..	15	1	..	.....	..	....	3	....	....	.....	13 20	.....	13 20	.....	5 20	.....	.....	2 20	.....
Baker City	20	35	..	1	5	2	1	3500	1	1000	..	....	....	.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	5 20	.....	... .	.....	.....
Total	34	194	4	2	20	3	3	7500	3	1800	6	18	150	100	25 20	.....	25 20	1 00	16 20	.....	.....	3 20	.....

INDIAN MISSION DISTRICT.

Simcoe	100	394	1	..	.....	.....	2	2000	..	.....	..	....	....	.....	111 00	.....	111 00	24 00	49 00	16 00	32 00	41 00	.....

IDAHO DISTRICT,

Boise	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	1	7000	..	.....	..	....	....	.....	20 50	.....	20 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Boise Ct	21	50	1	1	1	22	1	2250	..	20	3	27	130	.....	12 00	... .	12 00	1 00	6 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....
Idaho City	4	14	2	..	3	1	..	.....	1	800	1	10	50	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Silver City	....	6	..	..	4	.....	..	.....	..	.....	1	8	45	.....	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	... ...	....	.....	.....
Total	25	70	3	1	8	23	2	9250	1	820	5	45	215	.....	57 50	.....	57 50	1 00	11 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION.

Walla Walla Dis	112	312	12	1	6	14	4	9885	3	1425	5	42	275	400	75 00	.....	75 00	.....	17 75	50	50	50	.....
Dalles	60	150	3	1	8	9	2	2800	3	2500	6	45	255	500	88 00	.....	88 00	8 50	27 75	6 00	6 00	7 00	11 75
Grand Ronde	34	194	4	2	20	3	3	7500	3	1800	6	18	150	100	25 20	.....	25 20	1 00	16 20	.....	.....	3 20	.....
Indian Mission	100	394	1	..	.....	.....	2	2000	..	.....	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Idaho	25	70	3	1	8	23	2	9250	1	820	5	45	225	.....	37 00	... .	37 00	1 00	11 00	2 00	2 00	.....	.....
Total	331	1120	23	5	42	49	13	31435	10	6545	22	150	905	1000	336 20	.....	336 20	34 50	171 70	24 50	8 50	10 70	11 75
Grand Total '75	318	1266	17	11	65	63	10	17110	7	3175	14	111	634	530	508 75	27 50	536 20	13 50	129 70	17 00	26 50	145 45	5 00
Increase	13	....	6	..	.....	.....	3	14325	3	3370	8	39	371	450	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 75
Decrease	....	106	..	6	23	44	..	.....	..	... .	..	....	....	.....	182 55	27 50	200 00	23 00	8 00	7 50	18 00	134 75	.....

G. W. GRANNIS, *Statistical Sect.*

STATISTICS—TABLE NO. 1. MEMBERSHIP, BAPTISMS, ETC.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY				SABBATH-SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers	Deaths.	Children	Adults	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers	Scholars of all ages.	For Conference Claimants.	FOR MISSIONS			For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	For Board of Ch'ch Extension.	For Tract Society.	For Sunday-Sch'l Union.	Freedman's Aid Society.	For Education.
															Churches	Sabbath-Schools.	Total.						
Walla Walla	5	29	..	..	.....	.....	1	2050	1	575	1	8	60	.....	$ 5 00	.....	$ 5 00	.....	$ 75	50	50	50	.....
Walla Walla Ct.	23	52	6	..	1	7	..	.....	..	.....	..	....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waitsburg	20	67	1	..	.....	1	1	2760	1	550	1	8	75	.....	10 00	.....	10 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dayton	10	50	1	..	4	4	1	2500	..	.....	1	12	220	.....	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Weston	38	76	2	1	.....	1	2	75	1	300	2	14	40	400	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pendleton	16	36	2	..	1	1	1	2500	..	.....	..	....	....	.....	14 75	.....	14 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	112	312	12	1	6	14	4	9885	3	1425	5	42	275	400	45 75	.....	45 75	.....	17 76	50	50	50	.....

DALLES DISTRICT.

The Dalles	15	50	3	1	.....	.....	1	3000	1	1000	1	15	100	400	25 00	.....	25 00	2 00	5 00	2 00	2 50	2 00	2 00
Ochoco	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	..	.....	..	.....	..	....	....	.....	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Canyon City	20	50	..	..	6	7	..	.....	1	1000	3	15	100	100	30 00	.....	30 00	1 50	10 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	8 00
Klickitat	25	55	..	..	2	2	1	800	1	500	2	15	55	.....	25 00	.....	25 00	5 00	12 75	2 00	1 00	2 50	1 75
Total	60	155	3	1	8	9	2	2800	3	2560	6	45	255	500	88 00	....	88 00	8 50	27 75	6 00	6 00	7 00	11 75

GRAND RONDE DISTRICT.

La Grande	.....	3 00	.....	750	750	1	8	75	....	....	....	50	.....	....	....	....	20 00	50	....	6	....	...	.....	4 25	2 50
Union	.....	80000	400	750	450	2	10	75	....	....	....	50	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	.....
Wallowa	.....	.....	.....	400	132	3	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	4	....	....	.....	.....	1 50
Baker City	.....	.....	1200	800	500	..	...	....	....	....	...	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	...	....	..	....	16 00	.....	.....
Total	.....	83000	1600	2700	1732	6	18	150	....	...	....	100	.....	....	....	....	20 00	....	....	10	....	....	20 25	4 00	

INDIAN MISTION DISTRICT.

Simcoe	.....	1750	.....	.....	.....	1	9	25	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	140	.....	....	...	....	...	....	.....	.....	

IDAHO DISTRICT.

Boise	.....	.....	3000	.....	.....	..	...	....	....	...	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	
Boise Ct	3 90	185000	400	750	525	3	27	130	10	5	25	100	24	70	47	....	30 60	25	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	
Idaho City	2 00	.....	.....	1500	1300	1	10	50	30	5	15	...	10	10	....	200	12 00	50	....	10	....	....	.....	.....	
Silver City	.....	.....	.....	1800	700	1	8	45	8	15	22	36	3	2	....	....	30 00	....	....	10	....	15	.....	.....	
Total	5 90	185000	3400	4050	2525	5	45	225	138	25	62	136	37	82	47	200	72 00	75	....	20	....	15	.....	.....	

RECAPITULANION.

Walla Walla Dis	6 60	222500	1150	3465	2923	5	42	295	72	131	52	62	10	....	....	570	63 70	74	....	12	...	....	25 50	.....	
Dalles	7 25	87000	30	2680	2073	6	45	255	25	50	25	200	25	20	....	750	69 00	90	....	8	....	....	48 50	950	
Grand Ronde	.....	83000	1200	2750	1732	6	18	150	....	....	....	100	.....	....	....	....	20 00	50	....	10	....	....	20 25	200	
Indian Mission	.....	1750	.....	.....	.....	1	9	52	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	140	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	
Idaho	5 90	185000	3400	4050	2525	5	45	225	138	25	62	136	37	82	47	200	72 00	75	....	20	....	15	.....	.....	
Total	19 10	742500	5780	12145	7953	23	159	977	235	206	139	498	72	102	47	1660	224 70	289	....	50	20	15	94 25	1650	
Grand Tolal '75	29 50	887500	675	9267	7275	16	117	774	167	272	84	547	84	104	38	1360	175 00	258	....	75	....	15	94 25	1650	
Increase	.....	... ..	5150	2878	78	7	42	203	68	....	55	....	.....	....	9	300	49 70	31	....	....	....	....	.....	.....	
Decrease	10 40	1350	.....	.....	.....	..	....	....	....	66	....	49	12	2	....	....	.....	....	....	25	20	....	.....	.....	

G. W, GRANNIS, *Statistical Sec't.*

STATISTICS—TABLE NO. 2. COLLECTIONS, SUNDAY SCHOOLS, ETC.

WALLA WALLA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	COLLECTIONS, ETC.					SUNDAY-SCHOOLS:							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.								SPECIAL COLLECTIONS.	
	Amount raised for support of Bish ops.	Amount Building, Imp. Churches, Parsonages.	Indebtedness on Churches, and Parsonages	Claims for Ministerial support.	Receipts for Ministerial support	Number.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	Scholars 15 years old and over.	Scholars under 15 ex. Infant Class.	Scholars in Infant Class.	Av. Attendance, Teach. & Sch's	No. of Officers & Teachers who are Church Members or Probationers.	Scholars Church Members or Probrs	No. of conversions.	No. of Library Books.	Total expenses of School this year.	No. of S. S. Advocates taken.	No of S. S. Classmates taken.	No. S. S. Journals taken.	No. Good News taken.	No. Picture Lesson papers taken	American Bible Society.	Conference Delegate expenses.
Walla Walla	$ 50	.....	.....	$ 600	$ 428	1	8	6	10	40	10	...	6	....	....	500	$ 31 50	50	....	6	....	....	$ 380	.....
Walla Walla Ct.	.....	.....	.....	680	470	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	250
Waitsburg	2 00	$ 5000	$ 250	680	566	1	8	75	24	31	20	60	4	....	....	70	4 20	....	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Dayton	4 00	.....	400	680	680	1	12	120	38	60	22	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	2000	.....
Weston	.....	17500	.....	780	600	2	14	40	....	...	....	....	.....	....	....	....	28 00	24	....	....	....	....	.....	.....
Pendleton	.....	200.00	500	225	179	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	6	....	....	.....	.....
Total	6 50	222500	1150	3540	2923	5	42	295	72	131	52	60	10	....	....	570	63 70	74	....	12	....	....	2550	250

DALLES DISTRICT.

The Dalles	3 00	7000	.....	700	615	1	15	10	....	....	....	75	.....	....	....	400	24 00	....	....	6	....	....	6 50	3 00
Ochoco	.....	.....	.....	500	300	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	.....	....	....	...	....	....	.....	.....
Canyon City	3 00	80000	30	900	900	3	15	100	25	50	25	75	10	20	....	350	45 00	90	....	2	....	....	37 50	3 00
Klickitat	1 25	.....	.....	580	258	2	15	55	....	....	....	50	15	....	....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	2 50	2 10
Total	7 25	87000	30	2680	2073	6	45	255	25	50	25	200	25	20	....	750	69 00	90	....	8	....	....	46 50	8 50

WHEREAS, We believe that paper has peculiar merits and adaptability to our Conference work, therefore

Resolved, That we adopt the California "Christian Advocate" as one of our Conference papers and will recommend it to the church within our bounds.

W. S. KOONTS, Chairman.

14. MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

WHEREAS, Our work in this Conference is to a very great extent Missionary in character, and

WHEREAS, The Missionary Society has in the past been very liberal in its appropriation to us. Therefore

Resolved, 1. That we gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the Board and pledge to it our prayers and assistance, and a prompt and liberal collection from all our charges.

2. That in our judgment the wants of our work imperatively demand at least $5,000 to meet its needs for the ensuing year and that we instruct Bro. H. K. Hines, member of the Missionary Board, to urge our claim in accordance with the foregoing.

D. G. STRONG, Chairman.

13.- RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elder of the district, and the Pastor of Boise City charge, be a committee to engage speakers and otherwise mature a programme for holding anniversaries of our various conference societies at our next annual session in Boise City, and that they be instructed to include, if possible, in their programme the Conference Missionary Society, church extension, education and sunday school.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to our beloved Bishop, W. L. Harris, D. D. LLD., for the genial and christian spirit, as well as the wisdom and prudence with which he has presided over our deliberations and that it would give us great pleasure to welcome his return as often as the interests of the general supervision will admit.

Resolved, That we gratefully recognize the indefatigable efforts of Bros. H. K. Hines, P. E., and R. S. Stubbs pastor of the charge in ministering to our comfort and happiness during our sojourn at the seat of this conference.

Resolved, That we extend our hearty thanks to the citizens of La Grande for the very hospitable entertainment they have given us, and that we most devoutly pray the Great Head of the Church to bless and keep them.

WHEREAS, There is a very sad lack of knowledge on the part of our people concerning the requirements and workings of our church. and

WHEREAS, Our church publishes a cheap book of discipline and

WHEREAS, Said book of discipline, if studied by our members would give them the knowledge requisite as to their own duty and that of others. Therefore

Resolved, That we as pastors will endeavor to put a copy of the discipline in every Methodist family.

WHEREAS, That portion of our Conference which formerly belonged to the Rocky Mountain Conference has heretofore patronized the California "Christian Advocate," and

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